

and Hispanic Impact Marketing, Inc. He has been a dedicated and inspiring role model for the Hispanic community in particular and this country in general.

Immediately after graduation, Robert Acosta enlisted in the United States Air Force and served there for the next four years. He was trained as a jet aircraft fighter mechanic and received an honorable discharge. He joined his brothers in a lifetime career as a prominent and successful businessman. While helping his wife raise their son and three daughters remained an important mission in his life, Robert was also committed to the improvement of his community. He chaired the Local Development Corporation del Barrio for ten years and helped to develop the economic and political capital of the community. Robert has been an active contributor to local organizations and events and an important voice on the future of the community.

Like his brother Robert, David Acosta was raised in East Harlem and has become a major community leader and one of its strongest advocates. Starting with El Barrio Hardware in 1970, Robert and David, along with their brother Frank, became promising entrepreneurs in the community. They were part of the influential reactivation of the Third Avenue Merchants Association and helped to revitalize the struggling business community in the area. When David became the president of the Association, it accomplished its goals and provided opportunities for local merchants to advance political agendas and decisions in the interest of the community. David would further apply his entrepreneurial skills to the creation of the Local Development Corporation del Barrio and secured grants to enhance the image and economic base of the Third Avenue. He has and continues to be an active and influential member of the community.

Peter Spinella served this country as a member of the military police corps of the United States Army. He holds a bachelor's degree of science in marketing from New York Institute of Technology and is an Executive Vice President of the Hispanic Marketing & Advertising Group, Inc. He has honorably served on the boards of several organizations including the National Puerto Rican Forum and the Korean American Grocers Association. A member of the board of the New Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Peter brings a cultural awareness and sensitivity to economic development projects. He is also the CEO of "A Taste of East Harlem, Inc." which produces a magazine, a website, and a restaurant/tourism campaign. Peter brings a talented marketing portfolio to East Harlem and has worked to build an active and involved community.

I would like to thank Nick, David, Robert, and Peter for their hard work in putting together these important community-building events surrounding the 116th Street Festival. I join their families, friends, and community in being proud of their accomplishments and success.

A TRIBUTE TO DARREN K.
PEARSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Darren K. Pearson, an established entre-

preneur who has developed four running businesses in the Real Estate marketplace in Brooklyn, New York and parts of Queens. These businesses include Darren K. Real Estate, LLC, Darren K. Real Estate, LLC Maintenance Division, Howard Avenue Development, L.P., and Darren K. Real Estate Management Company. A part of Darren K. Real Estate, LLC activities involves the acquisition, rehabilitation and development of quality housing of previously owned city multi-dwelling buildings for low, moderate and middle-income families.

Before becoming involved in real estate, Mr. Pearson worked as an account executive for Amergold Corporation. He also worked for Vanguard Oil Corporation as a fuel salesperson in the commercial and barge departments, where his duties included fuel sales to Con Edison, PSE & G, LILCO and Government contracts. Within one year, he was promoted to Director of Public Relations for Vanguard and headed the "Robert F. Kennedy Memorial" Home Oil Transfer Program, a program that allowed Mr. Pearson to provide fuel oil to needy families and non-profit organizations at discount prices or even at no cost. Due to his success, he was promoted to Vice President of Procurement and Industrial Sales for Vanco Oil Co., a subsidiary of Vanguard Oil Corp.

After leaving Vanguard, Mr. Pearson worked as the Real Estate Sales Manager for Charles E. Simpson Real Estate Company and obtained his broker's license after one year. After that he started his four companies.

Mr. Pearson is active in both the Brooklyn and Manhattan communities, as Chairman of the Men's Caucus for Congressman TOWNS, member of 100 Black Men, Inc. and Senator David Patterson's Progressive Network.

Mr. Pearson is a devoted husband to his wife Lydia and a loving son to his mother Willie Mae. Mr. Speaker, Darren K. Pearson has continued to demonstrate through his efforts to improve the quality of life in his community that he is more than worthy of our recognition here today.

IN MEMORY OF DARRYEL NACUA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Darryel Nacua, a true hero who passed away tragically and unexpectedly on May 30, 2004 at the age of 48. Most of Darryel's twenty-three year law career was spent with California Rural Legal Assistance, where he dedicated his life to giving legal help to the farm workers of Central California, the community of his own roots.

Darryel's assignments with California Rural Legal Assistance took him to Santa Maria, Gilroy, Salinas and finally to the Watsonville/Santa Cruz office, where he acted as Directing Attorney. He fought hard against poverty, injustice, and substandard housing, and he was equally tenacious in his battles for education and employment. Darryel was fearless in taking on all entities in his pursuit of social justice. Darryel also served the greater Santa Cruz area as a member of the Lawyer Referral Service Governing Committee and the Human Care Alliance Advocacy.

Darryel was endearingly referred to within his community as a man of "sangre liviana," one of "light blood," or a pleasant disposition. They also called him "sano," a person of sincerity, honesty, and one without malice. He was appreciated as a mentor, a profound listener, and for his gentle sense of humor.

Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that California Rural Legal Assistance should name their office building in honor of Darryel Nacua. The community will miss him greatly, but we know his life will continue to inspire those he touched.

HONORING THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF ST. PAUL AND ST.
JAMES FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the Reverend Barbara Cheney and the congregation of the Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. James as they celebrate the restoration of this historic New Haven treasure. This is a very special occasion for the community and this New Haven institution.

Standing on the corner of Chapel and Olive Streets in New Haven, St. Paul and St. James has anchored the Wooster Square neighborhood for more than 175 years. Originally, the church was designed with two wooden towers, however, as the years past, it became evident that these towers would need replacing. In 1893 the west tower was rebuilt in stone and the wooden top of the east tower was removed—creating the church's distinctive look with one short tower and one tall. Recently, the need came once again to restore the west tower and it is the completion of that renovation which the community celebrates today with a rededication ceremony.

Our churches play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. In the nearly two centuries of its history, there have been many who have worshiped within the halls of St. Paul and St. James and many who have found peace and strength in the outstretched arms of the congregation. Beyond the spiritual guidance it has provided, St. Paul and St. James is also home to several successful outreach ministries. With congregants from New Haven, West Haven, Hamden, and Branford, it is an interracial, diverse congregation with a strong emphasis on social justice and advocacy. For the last twenty-five years, the church has run the Loaves and Fishes Food Closet, one of the largest food banks in the state. Other programs include a Clothes Closet, an alliance with the Neighborhood Health Project, a Children's Mission, and an active membership in the faith-based grass roots organizing effort, Elm City Congregants Organized. It is through all of these efforts that St. Paul and St. James touches the lives of thousands and makes a real difference in their lives.

With the completed renovations, the west tower is now lit at night and clearly visible from the New Haven Green—the heart of the City of New Haven. It serves as a shining beacon of hope for those most in need. For its

many spiritual and community contributions, I am proud to stand today to pay tribute to the Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. James and its congregation as they celebrate this very special occasion. It is my hope that they will continue to serve our community for many more years to come.

COMMANDER JEFFREY THOMAS
BERNARDI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of United States Navy Commander Jeffrey Thomas Bernardi, on the occasion of his retirement following 20 years of dedicated service to our country.

Following graduation from Strongsville Senior High School, Commander Bernardi attended the United States Naval Academy, earning his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1985. Commander Bernardi began his distinguished career as a Naval Flight Officer in 1986.

His years of service have taken him to locations around the world. From Bermuda to Sicily and a wide variety of other locations, Commander Bernardi's career exemplifies the very best of our armed services. In February of 1994, for example, he directed tactical support for the first ever P-3C Electro-Optic reconnaissance missions overland Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation DENY FLIGHT.

Commander Bernardi received his Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 1996. In March of 1999, Commander Bernardi reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel Sea Duty Component in Arlington, Virginia. He was handpicked to support the execution of a CNO Special Project of national significance.

Most recently, in April of 2003, Commander Bernardi reported to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Assessments Division at the Pentagon. His duties there included shaping the Navy of the future through independent analytical assessment of warfighting capabilities and Department of the Navy programs.

He has received numerous awards over his career for his dedication and commitment to this country. They include the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Navy Commendation Medals, and four Navy Achievement Medals.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Commander Jeffrey Thomas Bernardi. As Commander Bernardi marks his retirement from 20 years of dedicated service to our country, I extend my congratulations and deepest thanks to him, as well as his wife, Stephanie, son, Zachary, and daughter, Jennifer.

A TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE
BOSWELL

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Floridian, the senior member of our State's Bar, a true gentlemen in every good sense of the word, and my neighbor. Clarence A. Boswell died on February 22, 2005 at the age of 102, and for 75 years of his life he actively practiced law in my hometown of Bartow, Florida.

Clarence Boswell was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1924, and with that admission he began one of our State's longest and most distinguished legal careers. During a time when lawyers tended not to specialize, Clarence Boswell distinguished himself as an accomplished litigator, an acknowledged expert in real estate, probate and trust matters, and a beloved adviser to businesses and families both great and small.

For 50 years Clarence Boswell was recognized in the Courthouse as the determined defense counsel for the railroad. Unknowing opponents were often surprised by the tenacity with which this soft-spoken, genteel southerner defended his client's interests. As a real estate attorney, Clarence Boswell handled some of the largest real estate transactions of his time, and was used by other attorneys as an expert witness on property issues. However, the traits that most endeared him to his clients were the effective, competent and calm counsel he consistently offered those passing through his office. A local judge once referred to Clarence Boswell as a lawyer's lawyer and a gentleman's gentleman.

In his community, Clarence Boswell was a charter member of the Bartow Rotary Club when it was founded in 1924. He served on the Board of Trustees of Erskine College in Due West, SC, and as that Board's Chairman. He was a life long member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and served as the Moderator of that denomination's Synod. He was attorney for the Polk County School Board for forty years and was instrumental in the founding of Polk Community College.

Above all else, Clarence Boswell's greatest love was for his family and his wife of 63 years, his beloved "Toggie". He is survived by his two children, eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Clarence Boswell was the last of a generation who were born into a time before the Depression, two great wars, and the rise of the American Century. It was a generation of men who stood, bowed and wore hats, not baseball caps that they tipped to one another in passing and removed indoors. They were people who always presented a façade of innocence, who never spoke openly of certain things, and who detested rudeness and vulgarity. Now, I am not one who cries to bring back the "good old days" but with the passage of time, we have lost in this country many good things that once spoke of manners, respect, courage and honor. Today I pay tribute to one who represented those good things, Clarence Boswell.

HONORING THE 44TH ANNUAL
YMCA YOUTH GOVERNOR'S CON-
FERENCE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 44th Annual YMCA Youth Governor's Conference that begins in Washington, DC next week. I am pleased to once again have the honor of being the Congressional sponsor for the Youth Governor's breakfast with my fellow colleagues in the House.

The YMCA Youth Governor's Conference brings together some of the most outstanding youth leaders in America. YMCA Youth and Government is a nation-wide program that allows thousands of teenagers to simulate state and national government.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally recognize each of this year's YMCA Youth Governors for their dedication and service to America's youth.

Hunter Patterson of Texas, Quentin James of South Carolina, Forrest McConnell of Alabama, Matthew Hughes of Arizona, Paul Gardner, III of California, Daniel Spellacy of Connecticut, Mansoor Zaman of Delaware, Taylor Siegel of Florida, Britt Bush of Georgia, Colin Clark of Illinois, Phil Reaves of Indiana, Arshiya Saiyed of Kentucky, Ty Bottoms of Kentucky, Beau Landry of Louisiana, Matt Gorman of Maine, Karima Tawfik, Amar Gupta of Massachusetts, Elissa Laskey of Michigan, Marvin Yates of Michigan, Jonathan Kent of Minnesota, Laura Kergosien of Mississippi, Sam Barrett of Missouri, Paul Morgan of Montana, Erik Ruediger of New Hampshire, Mohit Shah of New Jersey, Anne Baldwin of New Mexico, Andrew Vigliotta of New York, Niema Alimohammadi of North Carolina, Caroline DuWors of Ohio, Tony Viola of Oklahoma, William Glennie of Oregon, Davon Magwood of Pennsylvania, Dusty Good of Tennessee, Gentry Martin of Tennessee, Josh Tate of Virginia, Addison Tice of Washington, Janesse Lewis of the District of Columbia, and Iain Padley of Wisconsin.

I wish all of the 2005 YMCA Youth Governors a very successful conference here in Washington, and I encourage them to continue their sincere devotion to leadership and public service in this and their future endeavors.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
POLYTECHNIC PREPARATORY
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School. The school is a pillar of academic excellence in Brooklyn, New York. It is a true privilege to acknowledge the great strides Poly Prep has made over the years since it first opened its doors in 1854.

Since its inception as the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute, the Polytechnic